THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) to (e) Following the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001, the United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 1373 on September 28, 2001 under Chapter VII of the UN Charter. This resolution places binding obligations on all Member States to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and requires them to take various measures in this context. A Counter Terrorism Committee (CTC) was set up under this resolution. The Member States are required to submit reports to the CTC and the steps taken and planned to implement Resolution 1373.

Government of India has submitted four reports to the CTC, in December 2001, July 2002, March 2003 and May 2004, respectively. In these reports, the Government has furnished details of several counter-terrorism measures taken by it to deny all forms of financial support to terrorist groups; suppress the provision of safe haven, sustenance or support to terrorists, share information with other governments on any groups practicing or planning terrorist acts; co-operate with other governments in the investigation, detection, arrest and prosecution of those involved in such acts; criminalise assistance for terrorism and bring violators of the law to justice.

These reports have been prepared in consultation and coordination with the Ministry of Home Affairs and other relevant Ministries/Departments of the Government.

Incidents of Fake Visas

†2750. SHRI MOTI LAL VORA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of sending Indians abroad on fake visa are taking place continuously;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government so far to check it and the decline registered as a result thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures being taken by the Government to save the people from getting trapped in fake visa racket?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) Relevant information is being collected and will be tabled before the House when received.

Role of Hurriyat Conference in Negotiations between India and Pak

2751. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the role of the All Party Hurriat Conference in the ongoing negotiations on Jammu and Kashmir between India and Pakistan; and

(b) the role of the elected representatives of Jammu and Kashmir in these negotiations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) The Composite Dialogue, including the deliberations on the issue of Jammu and Kashmir, is a bilateral dialogue between the Governments of India and Pakistan, in which the Government of India represents all sections of the people of India, including the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

US Mission

2752. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US proposes to open more missions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent these new missions have helped to meet the increasing commercial, educational and cultural interaction demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) The Government has been approached by the United States Government for opening an additional Consulate in Hyderabad. In principle approval to the proposal has been accorded.

(c) In view of the transformation of India-US ties and the strong economic and people-to-people linkages, Government is of the view that an additional